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SUBJECT: AFSA SANTIAGO TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

REF: SANTIAGO 9177

FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER ONLY FROM ACTING DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT MCMANAWAY

1. OBVIOUSLY, THERE HAS BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US. WHEN WE DRAFTED STATE 230487, WE WERE NOT AWARE THAT YOU HAD, IN FACT, ON SEPTEMBER 7 ISSUED AN ORDER TO "ALL USG OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLISHING, OR ASSISTING IN THE PUBLICATION OF, A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF USG OFFICIALS IN THIS COUNTRY."

2. WE WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION FROM YOUR 8949 THAT THERE
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MIGHT STILL BE SOME ROOM FOR RESOLVING ISSUE WITHOUT

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DIRECT CONFRONTATION; HENCE OUR MESSAGE WAS DESIGNED TO GET YOUR JUDGMENT ON JUST WHAT, IF ANYTHING, IN THE WAY OF A DIRECTORY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU FROM A SECURITY STANDPOINT. WE WERE PARTICULARLY MINDFUL OF STATE 123104 AND, IN FACT, HAD THE LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPH 3A IN FRONT OF US AS WE DRAFTED QUERIES TO YOU. THE GUIDELINES IN STATE 123104 LEAVE ROOM FOR EXCEPTIONS BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL AMBASSADOR'S JUDGMENT. IT WAS THAT JUDGMENT WE WERE SEEKING IN STATE 230487.

3. IN INTEREST OF FURTHER CLARIFICATION, DG/EM MADE CLEAR TO AFSA/WASHINGTON AT THE OUTSET OF INFORMAL CONTACTS ON THIS ISSUE THAT IT WAS NOT CONSULTABLE AND THAT WE WERE FURNISHING THEM INFORMATION IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD USE IT TO RESTRAIN AFSA CHAPTER SANTIAGO FROM ANY IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION. AT NO TIME HAS AFSA/WASHINGTON DISPUTED DG/EM ASSERTION THAT ISSUE IS NOT CONSULTABLE. BOTH DG/EM AND AFSA/WASHINGTON WERE HOPING THAT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND THROUGH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, AND AFSA/WASHINGTON INDICATED INFORMALLY IT WAS NOT SEEKING DIRECT CONFRONTATION. NOW THAT MATTER HAS REACHED THAT POINT, HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THEY WILL SHY AWAY OR COUNSEL MODERATION ON AFSA CHAPTER SANTIAGO.

4. WHEN WE RECEIVED SANTIAGO 8949, WE PERCEIVED THE ISSUE TO HAVE BECOME A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE CONCERNING YOUR AUTHORITY. REST ASSURED WE HAVE NO INTENTION NOR DID WE HAVE ANY INTENTION OF UNDERMINING THAT AUTHORITY. NOW THAT WE KNOW CLEARLY THE ACTION YOU HAVE TAKEN, WE WILL INFORM AFSA/WASHINGTON ACCORDINGLY AND MAKE CLEAR TO THEM THAT ANY INFRINGEMENT OF YOUR ORDER WOULD MAKE OFFENDING OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION. ROBINSON

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